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**Fifth Anniversary of the Proliferation Security Initiative**

The United States Announces Events Marking the Fifth Anniversary of the Proliferation Security Initiative.

May 31, 2008, will mark the fifth anniversary of a new kind of international cooperative effort in the fight against proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD): the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI). Partner nations can be proud of the PSI's solid record of success over these past five years.

On the occasion of this anniversary, the U.S. Department of State is hosting a meeting for policy-makers from all states that have endorsed the PSI, which will be held May 28, 2008, in Washington D.C. They will gather to review the PSI's results and successes over the last five years and look at ways to continue strengthening the Initiative for the future. The PSI has made substantial contributions to strengthening the global commitment to stop proliferation of WMD and their means of delivery.

The effectiveness of the PSI is based in large part on successfully preserving discretion regarding specific operational details, thus ensuring the security and efficacy of its interdiction activities. Rogue states, terrorist and criminal organizations, and unscrupulous individuals who contemplate trafficking in WMD-related items must now contend with an international community united in detecting and interdicting such transfers whether by air, land, or sea.

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